

Mary Lou Terrien - Hi Erica, Subject: HB 5198 *5199

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Thank you for talking to me about Representative Haugh's legislation; HB 5198 and 5199. I am in Washington D.C. this week and unable to provide my comments in person. I understand the original intent of the bills was to prevent a person of legal age from purchasing alcoholic beverages for minors. The Michigan Grocers Association agrees with Representative Haugh that this practice should be stopped. However, as drafted, we cannot support the bills. The bills before the committee would also allow for the suspension of the retailer aka licensee drivers license, and his/her agents, aka employees. We do not think this is warranted and feel it needs to be removed from the bills before passage. We would not oppose the bills if amendments were adopted that stated that the retailer and his/her employees were not subject to the revocation of drivers licenses.

I have seen the proposed amendment and think it would solve our problem with the legislation.

Best regards,

Linda Gobler,
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